IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Serial No.: 10/748,782

Cortez, et al.

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Examiner: Juntima, Nittaya

Group Art Unit: 2416

MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 21, 2009

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 21, 2009 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 23, 2009, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Applicants believe that a request for continued examination (RCE) fee is due in connection with this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's credit card account.

Furthermore, in the event that the Commissioner is unable to obtain the necessary fees from counsel's credit card account, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-4802/ATT/2003-0040 for the RCE fee and any additional fees, including extension of time fees or excess claims fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.